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SUBJECT: TRUDEAU VISIT AND CERDS: COMPLICATIONS AHEAD

1. IN ANNOUNCING THE VISIT HERE JANUARY 23-26 OF PRIME MINISTER  
TRUDEAU, CANADIAN AMBASSADOR JAMES LANGLEY WAS QUOTED BY LOCAL  
NEWSMEN AS SAYING THAT HIS COUNTRY HAD "CHANGED ITS OPINION  
REGARDING THE POSITION IT HAD TAKEN IN THE UN AGAINST THE  
CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF STATES", BUT (ACCORD-  
ING TO THE PRESS) HE DECLINED TO ELABORATE SAYING CERDS WOULD  
BE ONLY ONE OF SEVERAL INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC TOPICS WHICH  
TRUDEAU WOULD TAKE UP WITH GOM OFFICIALS.

2. PRIVATELY, CANADIAN EMBOFF INFORMED US THIS MORNING THAT  
WHILE OTTAWA HAS INDEED ACCEPTED PRINCIPLE THAT NEW INTERNAT-  
IONAL ECONOMIC ORDER IS NEEDED AND IS REVIEWING ITS POSITION  
ON CERDS IN THIS LIGHT, NO FINAL DECISION HAS YET BEEN MADE TO  
CHANGE ITS VOTE IN U.N. PENDING OUTCOME OF TRUDEAU DISCUS-  
SIONS WITH MEXICANS. HE ADDED THAT WORDING OF JOINT COMMUNIQUE  
AT VISIT'S END WOULD TELL THE TALE.

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3. SOMEWHAT LATER (AFTER PRECEDING WAS DRAFTED), CANADIAN  
EMBOFF CALLED BACK URGENTLY TO "CLARIFY" AFTER HAVING CONSULTED

WITH HIS AMBASSADOR. HE SAID LANGLEY WISHED TO MAKE CLEAR THAT PRESS REPORTS OF HIS ANNOUNCEMENT HAD BEEN BADLY GARBLED, THAT HE HAD NOT RPT NOT INTENDED TO INDICATE THAT CANADA'S VIEW OF CERDS HAD CHANGED, AND THAT INDEED HE HAD NO INDICATION FROM OTTAWA SUGGESTING THAT ANY CHANGE IN THE CANADIAN VOTE IN THE U.N. WAS BEING CONTEMPLATED. RATHER, HE SAID, THE AMBASSADOR MERELY WANTED TO MAKE CLEAR, IN ADVANCE OF TRUDEAU'S VISIT, THAT CANADA WAS RECEPTIVE TO CHANGES IN THE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER AND THAT IT FAVORED SERIOUS DIALOGUE BETWEEN DC'S AND LDC'S ON THIS SUBJECT (AND TOWARD THIS END WAS SERVING AS A CIEC CO-CHAIRMAN IN PARIS). THE POINT HE HAD TRIED TO GET ACROSS TO MEXICAN PRESS WAS THAT TRUDEAU DISCUSSIONS SHOULD NOT GET HUNG UP ON THE CERDS VOTE BUT RATHER SHOULD TAKE PLACE IN CONTEXT OF CANADA'S "FORTHCOMING" APPROACH TO INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC REFORM GENERALLY.

4. COMMENT: IF THE MEDIA'S MISUNDERSTANDING OF CANADIAN INTENTIONS REGARDING CERDS IS SHARED BY GOM OFFICIALDOM, IT WILL COMPLICATE MATTERS FOR THE PRIME MINISTER WHEN HE ARRIVES HERE NEXT WEEK.

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